

Remarks

Claims 2-49 and 53 are amended herein to correct form and to remove multiple dependencies. New claims 54-57 have been added; these claims are directed to subject matter originally included in multiply dependent claims. Thus, new claims 54-57 depend from claim 17, and parallel claims 18-21. Claims 18-21 are amended to depend solely from claim 16.

After entry of this Amendment, Claims 1-57 are pending.

Amendments to the Specification

By this amendment, the specification has been changed to reflect prior related applications, and to add an abstract on a separate page. The specification is also amended herein to refer to sequence identifiers as appropriate.

Conclusion

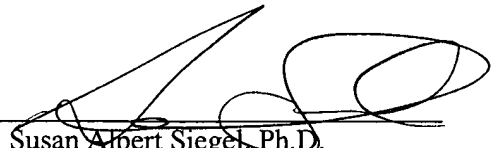
Applicants believe no new matter is added by this amendment. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute and deleted subject matter in a continuation application. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if any questions remain concerning the amendments made herein. Otherwise, the present application is ready for substantive examination, and such action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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